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## Deputy Commissioner Cole Promotes Richardson to Community Corrections Associate Director for Region III

Jackson – Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) Deputy Commissioner of the Community Corrections Division Lora Cole announced the promotion of Susan Richardson to the position of Community Corrections Associate Director for Region III. In her role as Community Corrections Associate Director for Region III, Richardson will be responsible for the supervision of the MDOC probation and parole offices in George, Greene Jackson and Stone counties. Richardson, a 22-year veteran with the agency, is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and holds a bachelor's degree in education.

Richardson started her career with MDOC in 1980 as a secretary at the MDOC probation and parole office in Pascagoula. After 3 years as secretary, Richardson was promoted to a field officer. Over the years, she worked her way up to the level of field officer III, and served as Interim Community Corrections Associate Director since June 2002.

"I'm looking forward to working with everyone in this position," said Richardson. "I hope to effectively manage the office and staff and keep things running smoothly."

The MDOC Community Corrections Division (CCD) is responsible for the supervision of offenders that are still under the jurisdiction of the state, but who are not currently incarcerated such as offenders released on parole, earned release supervision, intensive supervision inmates (house arrest) and offenders sentenced to probation by the courts. The Community Corrections Division has 11 field officers in George, Greene and Jackson counties, and 235 field officers statewide.

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